

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A fitting constructed and arranged to retain ~~for use in retaining~~ a plurality of accessory members to a vertical structural unit which unit has a plurality of vertical sides wherein each side has a portion defining a side aperture; said fitting comprising a

- (i) a body;
- (ii) a body plate member attached to said body and constructed and arranged ~~so-shaped as~~ to be cooperable with a said side of said structural unit ~~structure~~ and receivable in intimate engagement within said side aperture, the body plate member being of a size smaller than the body so that only the body plate member can be received in said side aperture;
- (iii) attachment means constructed and arranged to attached ~~by which~~ said fitting ~~is attachable~~ to said ~~structure~~ structural unit with and said body plate member ~~is retained thereto receivable~~ received within side aperture ~~by retaining means~~; and
- (iv) said body having a portion defining at least one accessory-receiving means constructed and arranged ~~adapted~~ to retain said accessory member to said body.

2. (Currently Amended) A fitting as defined in claim 1 in combination with said structural unit, wherein said body plate member is received ~~so-shaped as to be so~~ receivable within said side aperture of said structural unit, and wherein said side aperture has an essentially circular shape, and has a plurality of inwardly protruding side portions, and wherein each of said side portions defines a bolt-receiving aperture.

3. (Currently Amended) A combination fitting as defined in claim 2 wherein said side aperture has a shape defined as an extended oval having a vertical axis length

greater than its horizontal axis, and having four inwardly protruding symmetrically-opposed portions.

4. (Currently Amended) A fitting as defined in claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ wherein said plate member is integrally formed with said body.

5. (Currently Amended) A fitting as defined in claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ wherein said attachment means comprises a plurality of bolt-receiving apertures defined by portions of said body or said plate member, operably alignable with said bolt-receiving apertures of said side portion.

6. (Currently Amended) A fitting as defined in claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ wherein said body has at least one protruding member having a portion defining an accessory bolt-receiving aperture.

7. (Original) A fitting as defined in claim 6 wherein said body has a plurality of said protruding members.

8. (Original) A fitting as defined in claim 1 ~~7~~ wherein said body comprises

(a) a first protruding plate having a portion defining a first plate aperture;

(b) when said fitting is operably retained to said structure, a first horizontally protruding plate and a second horizontally protruding plate parallel to and at a distance from said first horizontal protruding plate to define an interplate open channel; and wherein (i) said first horizontal protruding plate has a plurality of portions defining a plurality of apertures, and (ii) said second horizontal protruding plate has a portion defining at least one aperture, a proximal first side wing having a portion defining a first wing aperture and a distal second side wing having a portion defining a second wing aperture; and

(c) an interplate strengthening portion between said first and second horizontally protruding plates.

9. (Original) A fitting as defined in claim 8 wherein when said fitting is operably attached to said structure,

(i) said first protruding plate is a vertically protruding upper plate;

(ii) said first horizontally protruding plate is below said vertically protruding plate and above said second horizontally protruding plate; and

(iii) said proximal and distal wings are downwardly pointing.

10. (Original) A fitting as defined in claim 9 wherein said body further comprises a lower vertical plate member having a portion defining a vertical plate member aperture below said second horizontal plate.

11. (Currently Amended) A fitting as defined in claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 10~~ of a unitary, integral form.

12. (Currently Amended) A fitting as defined in claim 1, ~~any one of claims 1 to 11~~ adapted to receive in fitting engagement by at least one of said apertures at least one accessory selected from the group consisting of a guy rope, electrical insulator, dish and platform ~~of use in a telecommunications tower, electricity pylon or like assembly~~.

13. (Currently Amended) A modular unit constructed and arranged to define ~~of use in a telecommunications tower[,]~~ ~~electricity pylon or like assembly~~ comprising a four-sided rectangular box-like structure wherein each side has a planar portions defining at least one side aperture there-through, wherein said aperture has an essentially circular shape and the planar portion defines a plurality of ~~inwardly protruding~~ side portions protruding inwardly into the at least one side aperture and wherein each of said side portions defines a bolt-receiving aperture through the planar portion.

14. (Currently Amended) A modular unit as defined in claim 13, wherein said side aperture has a shape defined as an extended oval having a vertical axis greater than its horizontal axis when said unit is operably constructed in said tower, ~~pylon or~~

~~like structure~~ and having four inwardly-protruding symmetrically opposed side portions, and wherein each of said side portions define a bolt-receiving aperture.

15. (Currently Amended) A modular unit as defined in claim 13 ~~or claim 14~~ having a width of 46 ± 1 cm, a breadth of 46 ± 1 cm and a length or height selected from 2.0-2.5 m.

16. (Currently Amended) A modular unit as defined in claim 13 ~~any one of claims 13 to 15~~ wherein each of said sides comprises two of said apertures.

17. (Currently Amended) A ~~telecommunications tower~~ structure, electricity pylon or like structure comprising

(i) a plurality of modular units, each unit comprising a four-sided rectangular box-like structure wherein each side has portions defining at least one side aperture with side portions protruding into the aperture, and each of said side portions defining a fastener-receiving aperture as defined in any one of claims 13 to 16;

(ii) a plurality of fittings ~~as defined in any one of claims 1 to 12~~, retained to said modular units, each fitting comprising

a body;

a body plate member attached to said body and received in intimate engagement within said side aperture,

attachment means cooperable with the fastener-receiving means to permit attaching of said fitting to said unit with said body plate member received within side aperture; and

said body having a portion defining at least one accessory-receiving means constructed and arranged to retain said accessory member to said body; and

(iii) accessory members selected from the group consisting of guy ropes, insulators, dishes and platforms connected to said accessory-receiving means fittings.

18. (New) A structure as defined in claim 17 wherein said side aperture has a shape defined as an extended oval having a vertical axis length greater than its horizontal axis, and having four inwardly protruding symmetrically-opposed side portions.

19. (New) A structure as defined in claim 17 wherein said plate member is integrally formed with said body.

20. (New) A structure as defined in claim 17 wherein said body comprises

(a) a first protruding plate having a portion defining a first plate aperture;

(b) when said fitting is operably retained to said structure, a first horizontally protruding plate and a second horizontally protruding plate parallel to and at a distance from said first horizontal protruding plate to define an interplate open channel; and wherein (i) said first horizontal protruding plate has a plurality of portions defining a plurality of apertures, and (ii) said second horizontal protruding plate has a portion defining at least one aperture, a proximal first side wing having a portion defining a first wing aperture and a distal second side wing having a portion defining a second wing aperture; and

(c) an interplate strengthening portion between said first and second horizontally protruding plates.